

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**CASE NO.: 2:13-cr-284 (01)
JUDGE SMITH
MAGISTRATE JUDGE KEMP**

RICHARD M. SPRIGGS, SR.,

Defendant.

ORDER

On September 1, 2015, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), recommending that the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea to Count One of the Superseding Information charging him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 1000 kilograms of marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, and Count Two charging him with money laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(I), and Count Three charging him with unlawful possession of a firearm.

Defendant, represented by counsel, waived his right to appear on the matter before a District Judge. The Magistrate Judge conducted the colloquy required by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Defendant's plea was knowing, voluntary, free from coercion, and had a basis in fact.

Defendant was specifically informed of his right to contest the Report and Recommendation by filing any objections within 14 days of the issuance of the Report and Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendant did

not file any objections.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation and **ACCEPTS** Defendant's plea of guilty to Counts One, Two, and Three of the Superseding Information. Defendant is hereby adjudged guilty of these charges.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ George C. Smith

GEORGE C. SMITH, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT